



2001 HAZARDOUS WASTE REPORT (BIENNIAL REPORT)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) has delegated the responsibility for collecting the 2001 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report) data for California hazardous waste generators and Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). As in 1999, Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Large Quantity Generators (LQGs) and/or facilities that treated, stored, or disposed of RCRA hazardous waste may be required to file. LQGs are defined as follows:

1. Generated in any **single** calendar month 1000 kg (2,200 lbs.) or more of RCRA hazardous waste;
2. Generated in any **single** calendar month, or accumulated at any time, more than 1 kg (2.2 lbs.) of RCRA acute hazardous waste; and/or
3. Generated in any **single** calendar month, or accumulated at any one time, more than 100 kg (220) lbs. of spill cleanup material contaminated with acute hazardous waste

Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) and "California only" generators or handlers are not required to file the Biennial Report.

Questions concerning the Biennial Report may be directed to 916-322-2880 or via e-mail to BRSTAFF@dtsc.ca.gov. In addition, U.S. EPA maintains a Biennial Report Hotline at 415-222-8371 and information concerning the Biennial Report at:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/data/#br>

The following provides a brief schedule of events for the Biennial Report. This site will be periodically updated as new information is developed.

2001 BIENNIAL REPORT SCHEDULE

November 2001 – Prenotification letters will be sent to 1999 filers and any additional LQG for 2001. This letter will request acknowledgement of need to file or completion of an exemption notice provided in the letter. The letter will also solicit interest in attending DTSC-conducted workshops on completion of the Biennial Hazardous Waste Report.

December 2001 – Biennial Hazardous Waste Report packages will be mailed to identified facilities and generators. Locations and dates of the Biennial Hazardous Waste Report workshops will be provided.

January 2002 - Biennial Hazardous Waste Report workshops will be conducted in northern and southern California.

1 March 2002 - Biennial Hazardous Waste Reports submittals are due to DTSC.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) My company only generates non-RCRA hazardous waste. Am I required to file? **No.**
- 2) My company is a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) under RCRA. Am I required to file? **No.**
- 3) My company is a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) under RCRA. Am I required to file? **No.**
- 4) How do I know if my company must file a Biennial Report? ***Only RCRA Large Quantity Generators (LQGs) and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) must file. If your company is an SQG, CESQG, or non-RCRA generator or TSDF, you do not need to file.***
- 5) How do I know if my company is a RCRA LQG? ***Your company is a RCRA LQG if it : Generated more than 2,200 lbs. of RCRA hazardous waste in any single month in 2001, OR generated in one or more months or accumulated at any time 2.2 lbs. or more of RCRA acute hazardous waste (EPA Waste Codes beginning with "P" or waste codes F020, F021, F022, F023, F026, or F027), OR generated or accumulated at any time more than 220 lbs. of spill cleanup material contaminated with RCRA acute hazardous waste.***
- 6) Do I report non-RCRA waste? ***Only if that non-RCRA hazardous waste is mixed with RCRA hazardous waste.***
- 7) Is silver still reportable? ***Yes, however, there are exceptions. If you have questions about reporting silver waste, call the U.S. EPA BRS HotLine for clarification at (415) 222-8371.***
- 8) Do I report wastewater? ***Do not report generation quantities for contaminated groundwater. Do report quantities of contaminated groundwater managed on site, or that are deepwell injected (system type M134). Do not report wastewater quantities that have the following Form Codes: B101, B102, B105, and B110 - B116, OR System Types M071 - M079, M081 - M085, M089, M091 - M094, M099, M121 - M125, M129, M135, and M136.***
- 9) Do I report PCBs, asbestos, or waste oils (non-RCRA wastes)? ***No, unless they are contaminated with RCRA hazardous waste.***
- 10) How do I find out if the waste we generate is reportable? ***RCRA hazardous waste codes are listed on page 53 of the Instructions Booklet. If you have questions about reportable wastes, call the U.S. EPA BRS HotLine for clarification at (415) 222-8371.***
- 11) If we recycle onsite the waste my company generates, is it still reportable? ***Yes. All RCRA hazardous waste your company generated is reportable regardless of whether it was treated onsite or shipped offsite for treatment or disposal.***



- 12) If the waste we generate is shipped offsite to be recycled, is it reportable? **Yes. All RCRA hazardous waste your company generated is reportable.**
- 13) Are batteries that are recycled reportable? **Yes.**
- 14) How do I verify an offsite EPA ID number? **U.S. EPA maintains a data base called “Envirofacts” which allows you to verify a federal EPA ID number. You can access Envirofacts on the Internet at :**
http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/multisystem_query_java.html
- You can find a permanent RCRA hazardous waste generator or facility by EPA ID number or name. For more information, there is a users guide available on the page.**
- 15) I can't find an offsite EPA ID number on Envirofacts. **Make sure the number you are checking is a permanent federal EPA ID number. Those are EPA ID numbers in which the first two digits are state abbreviation and the third digit is a “D”, “R”, “T”, or a number. If it is a “non-RCRA” facility or generator, CESQG, SQG, or foreign country, those IDs won't be on the Envirofacts database. See pages 50 and 51 of the Instructions Booklet on how to report those IDs.**
- 16) Which fields on the forms do I need to fill out (mandatory fields)? **See the Instructions Booklet. (Note: California requires additional reporting of state waste codes)**
- 17) Do I need to complete “non-mandatory fields”? **U.S. EPA requests you fill out the forms completely. However, some of the fields are non-mandatory and you are not required to complete them. A summary of mandatory fields can be found on page 16 of the booklet.**
- 18) Is Form OI required? **No. However, the information can be useful if problems are found with offsite EPA IDs you are reporting.**
- 19) Is software available? If so, how do I get it? **The software will be made available to you to complete your return electronically. If requested, it will be mailed to you in December 2001.**
- 20) If I have trouble using the software, whom do I call? **The software supplier that will be identified in the mailing.**
- 21) Do I have to send the completed printed report if I complete my return using the software? **No. However, you must submit your signed ID Form (Page 3 of EPA Form 8700 13A/B).**



22) I would like to attend a Biennial Report workshop. How do I sign up? Where and when will they be given? ***A workshop schedule will be provided in December 2001.***

23) Where do I mail my report?

***Biennial Reporting Staff
Hazardous Waste Management Program
Attn : Biennial Report Staff
1001 I St, 11th Floor, PO Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806***

24) When do I have to submit my report? ***Your report is due March 1, 2002.***

25) If I can't complete the report by the deadline, how do I request an extension? ***An extension request form will be provided in the December 2001 mailing. If you need to file for an extension, complete the form and FAX to (916) 322-1005 (Attn: Biennial Report Staff). You will not receive a confirmation unless specifically requesting one or DTSC has questions about your request for extension.***